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SUBJECT: LABOR - SCALIA AND THREE OTHERS QUIT CCU

1. BEGIN SUMMARY. CISL MINORITY LEADER SCALIA AND THREE OTHERS HAVE QUIT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE CCU, JOINING FARM WORKERS CHIEF SARTORI WHO QUIT TWO DAYS EARLIER. SARTORI HAS BEEN CAREFUL TO PUT SOME DISTANCE BETWEEN HIMSELF AND SCALIA, SAYING HE HAS NO INTENTION TO SECEDE FROM CISL. SARTORI IS DETERMINED TO TRY TO REORIENT CISL BY WORKING WITHIN THE ORGANIZATION.END SUMMARY.

2. FOLLOWING ON THE ACTION OF PAOLO SARTORI, SECRETARY GENERAL OF CISL'S FARM WORKERS UNION (FISBA) (SEE ROME'S A-603), VITO SCALIA AND THREE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CISL MINORITY (IANNONE, MAZZI AND TACCONI) HAVE RESIGNED FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE FEDERATION CGIL-CISL-UIL (CCU). ACTION MOTIVATED BY STATEMENT THAT PLATFORM ADOPTED BY CCU ON SEPTEMBER 24 IS "ALIEN TO THE ECONOMIC AND DEMOCRATIC WELL-BEING OF THE NATION." ACTION COMES IN MIDST OF TWO-DAY CONVOCATION OF CISL
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GENERAL COUNCIL. CISL SECRETARY PIERRE CARNITI CALLS ACTION

"PRESECESSIONIST."

3. SARTORI, HOWEVER, HAS BEEN AT PAINS TO STATE HE HAS NO INTENTION OF QUITTING CISL. IN A PRESS INTERVIEW SARTORI STATED HE IS OPPOSED TO "A FORCED PROCESS OF UNITY" BUT HE EMPHATICALLY DENIED ANY INTENTION TO SECEDE FROM CISL. "MANY WITHIN CISL ARE DISPOSED TOWARD MY VIEW EVEN IF THEY STILL LACK COURAGE TO SAY SO, AND THUS I PRECLUDE CATEGORICALLY AND IDEA OF SECESSION," HE SAID.

4. SARTORI ELABORATED ON HIS PLANS IN LENGTHY CONVERSATION WITH EMBASSY OFFICERS ON SEPTEMBER 25. HE STATED FIRMLY HIS BELIEF THAT CISL WAS STILL ZRECOVERABLE" FROM WITHIN, EVEN IF SPACE FOR MANEUVER HAD BECOME QUITENARROW. THERE ARE TWO PRIMARY OBSTACLES TO THIS PROCESS, SARTORI STATED. INE IS STORTI, WHO IS "BEYOND RECOVERY" -- SARTORI SAYS HE HAS BEEN TALIING FOR STORTI FOR WEEKS, SEEKING IN VAIN TO GET HIM TO ALTER THE DIRECTION IN WHICH HE IS LEADING CISL. IN SARTORI'S VIEW, STORTI IS CAPTIVE OF CISL RADICALS LED BY CARNITI WHO, WITHOUT STORTI'S BACKING, WOULD COMMAND ONLY 2 PERCENT OF THE CONFDEREATION. A NUMBER OF STORTI'S SUPPORTERS ON THE CISL SECRETARIAT -- SARTORI NAMED REGGIO, ROMEI AND MARCONE -- ARE "RECOVERABLE" IF GIVEN A SOLID ALTERNATIVE OTHER THAN SECESSION UNDER "CREDIBLE" LEADERSHIP. COUPLED WITH MARINI, FANTONI AND TACCONI, THIS WOULD REPRESENT HALF THE CISL SECRETARIAT. SARTORI INDICATED MARINI MIGHT WELL BECOME THE LOGICAL LEADSD OF SUCH A FACTION.

5. THE OTHER PRIMARY OBSTACLE TO A REORIENTATION OF CISL IN SARTORI'S VIEW, IS VITO SCALIA. SARTORI SAID SCALIA HAS EVERYTHING TO GAIN AND NOTHING TO LOSE FROM SECESSION SINCE SCALIA IS NOT THE LEADER OF A CONSTITUENT UNION. SARTORI, ON THE OTHER HAND, MUST REGARD THE 350,000 MEMBERS OF HIS UNION (SARTORI'S FIGURE). SARTORI POINTED OUT THAT HE IS IN A KEYPOSITION. HIS UNION IS FAR AND SWAY THE LARGEST ELEMENT OF THE CISL OPPOSITION AND "THE SECESSIONISTS ARE NOT GOING ANYWHERE WITHOUT ME."

6. SARTORI INDICATED THAT TIME TO REORIENT CISL WAS
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LIMITED, BUT THAT HE INTENDED TO EXERT HIS FULL EFFORTS IN THAT DIRECTION. T THAT END, HE INTENDED TO SEE DC SECRETARY FANFANI TO SEEK AUTHORIZATION TO WORK TOGETHER WITH EX-MINISTER NATALI WHO IS FANFANI'S LIAISON WITH THE LABOR MOVEMENT. RECOVERING CISL FROM WITHIN, SARTORI SAID, WOULD BE FAR CHEAPER THAN SECESSION FINANCIALLY, MORALLY AND POLITICALLY. THIS VIEW IS SHARED BROADLY IN THE DC, HE AVERRED, SAYING IT WAS THE VIEW OF FANFANI, MORO, BOTH

VITTORINO COLOMBO AND E"EVEN" DONAT-CATTIN IN THE FORZE NUOVE GROUP AS WELL AS SEN. MARCORA OF THE BASE FACTION.

7. IF EFFORTS TO REORIENT CISL FAIL WITHIN THE NEXT MONTH OR TWO, SARTORI SAID, THE EXTREME STEP OF SECESSION WILL HAVE TO BE CONTEMPLATED. HOWEVER, SUCH A GRAVE MOVE WOULD ONLY BE TAKEN IN TANDEM WITH THE DC, THE LEADERSHIP OF THE REPUBLICANS AND SOCIAL DEMOCRATS, "THE CATHOLIC WORLD AND, OF COURSE, OUR FRIENDS FROM THE AFL-CIO." SARTORI EXPRESSED REASONABLE CONFIDENCE THAT MATTERS WOULD NOT COME TO THIS EXTREME.

8. COMMENT: ACTION BY SARTORI, SCALIA AND OTHERS IN QUITTING CCU IS DESIGNED TO DRAMATIZE THEIR DISCONTENT WITH LABOR UNITY TREND AND WITH EXCESSIVE AND ULTIMATELY FUTILE POLICIES IT HAS BEEN ADOPTING. SARTORI HOPES THAT BY USING THREAT OF SECESSION AND THROUGH OTHER EFFORTS, LATENT SUPPORTERS WITHIN CISL, WHO GO ALONG WITH SARTORI THROUGH A COMBINATION OF INDOLENCE AND CONVENIENCE, WILL BE SHOCKED INTO ACTIVE COOPERATION IN REORIENTING CISL POLICIES. BEAUDRY

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